

Bouncing back from adversity

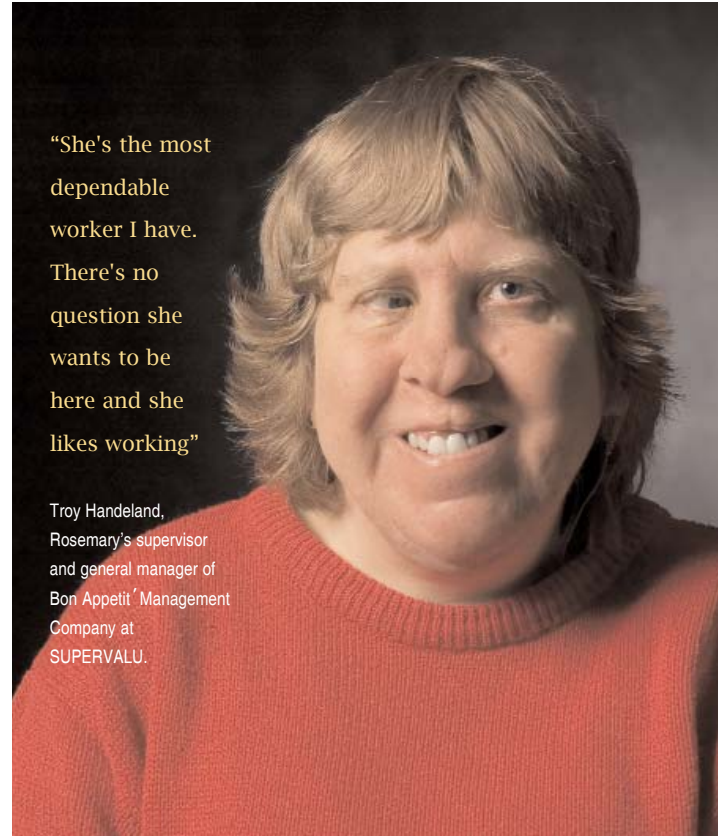
Rosemary Banasiak, 47, has been a hard worker all her life. She washed dishes at the Decathlon Club in Bloomington for more than 20 years. Then the building was destroyed by fire, and Rosemary found herself unemployed and scared. She loved her job, and not being able to work was devastating for her.

When Rosemary was referred to Opportunity Partners for help, she was able to start back at work almost immediately on Opportunity Partners' production floor. Eventually, staff learned of a dishwashing position at SUPERVALU's world headquarters in Eden Prairie. With Opportunity Partners' help, Rosemary applied for the position and got the job. She has proven to be an excellent fit. She has worked there for more than two years and does a great job every day, much to the delight of her employer.

"She's the most dependable worker I have," said her supervisor Troy Handeland, the general manager of Bon Appétit Management Company at SUPERVALU. "There's no question she wants to be here and she likes working." Rosemary washes dishes Monday through Friday in the busy cafeteria, which serves 225 breakfasts and 350 lunches every day. She also keeps the dish room sparkling clean and helps co-workers wrap cookies and bars when time allows. Her supervisor calls her well-organized and efficient.

"She has great ability," Troy added. "You show her a job once and she knows how to do it."

Rosemary is quick to smile when asked about her job. "I like washing dishes," she said.



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